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## PATENT APPLICATION

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For: HIGH PRECISION MANUFACTURE OF POLYURETHANE  
PRODUCTS SUCH AS SPINAL DISC IMPLANTS HAVING  
GRADUAL MODULUS VARIATION

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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Sir/Madam:

Prior to examination, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 2 of this paper.

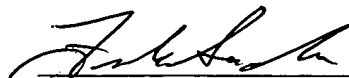
**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claim which begins on page 3 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 11 of this paper.

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